

Camp 59 Ala Regt

Sondridge Feb. 7. 1864

My dear Father

Your letter of the 27th ult. rec^d
last night. It has come in shorter time than any
previous letter from home. Also the one come in
which you inquire for Scobee of Capt Dillards Co.
He did not any time hospital Knoxville Jan 5 1863. Of
course the Post was under my ^{command} then but was stationed at Camp Galt.

I was really gratified to learn the wretched state
of Johnsons Army & for my part there no
doubt but that all will get them out well for
the South. Of course it is gratifying to learn that
Gim's Co has re-enlisted as this secures his position
for the war. I hope that Congress will put
in the expedients & substitutes at once as this will
be our safest course. I wish you would when
ever you can send me all your newspapers
especially Advertisers & Mobile Register - I took
great pleasure in reading those you send. It seems
to me from the samples of Advertisers you sent
that Reid has pretty well lost all his patriotism
He seems to dread infringements on the press very
greatly - do you suppose he would care much if
he was not persons interested? For inst if the

was some sixty yrs old so that there would
be no danger of his being forced to join the
army.

Tell Johnny I got the blacking he sent
I will enclose you a copy of Gen Bragg's
farewell order to his army & which I
believe you will take pleasure in reading
for I consider it a model production
You may notice that the "ego" is not
used in it a single time nor does he
make a single allusion to the ill treat-
ment he has rec^d. I am ~~truly~~ truly
glad you all gave him a dinner & hope
his services may yet be appreciated.

This Division now occupies a
post some seventeen miles in
advance of the balance of the
army. I don't know why we
are thus always put forward.

I suppose Longstreet does not consider
us as part of his army corps &
thinks it makes no difference or at least
he prefers our being killed off to his
own men. However I would just about
be as willing to stay here as at
Morristown were it not for the

good houses we left there & being so far from R. Road.

Our men are badly shod & clothed yet especially the latter - we need blankets greatly & have heard nothing of the supplies reported to be sent out by the state for its troops. We are making some shoes here & after a while hope to be supplied - I have still twenty five (25) barefooted men besides fifty (50) more nearly barefooted that is whose shoes are as good almost as none

I think that as the mail communication seems at last opened to this place Pines & Laura could write oftener tell them we expect it.

Nothing of interest occurring here at present. All goes on quietly & will probably continue to do so until the enemy throw out our cowardly cavalry again & we then will be forced to go out & recover their

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is a fact that the cavalry arm of
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Yr S
Bolling Hallpr.



P.S. I send you three copies
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